

# NEAR DEATH, HURRIES SUIT TO CLEAR NAME

Mrs. Dora Bacon's Plea That  
She May Die Under Knife  
Wins Immediate Trial.

DENIES HUSBAND'S CHARGE

Says He Laid Trap to Secure Di-  
vorce Evidence, and Also  
Abused Her.

Mrs. Dora Bacon, who is suing for a separation from Capt. Samuel Marshall Bacon, owner of a tugboat line, and who is defending a counterclaim by her husband for divorce, took the witness stand yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Lehman upon her plea that she has been ordered to a hospital for an operation that may result in her death and wants to clear her name not only for her own sake, but because of her four children. Except for her plea the case would have been postponed until fall. Bacon names two correspondents.

Mrs. Bacon said she had been in poor health during most of her married life, and her illness had been aggravated by mental suffering due to her husband's treatment. She said he complained that she was always ailing from a headache, backache or toothache, and that he was "always working for the doctor."

## Forgotten on Christmas.

Mrs. Bacon said she believed her husband conceived a plan to divorce her while she was ill in a hospital last winter. She was there on Christmas day, she said, and her husband did not even send her flowers as a remembrance. As soon as she recovered, her husband took two of his friends to their home in Long Island City and one of them, William Barker, became exceedingly attentive to her. Capt. Bacon noticed this, she said, and left the house.

"I questioned him about Barker," said Mrs. Bacon, "because I thought a trap had been set and I was supposed to walk into it. I believed that some other woman had been in my home while I was in the hospital, because I found combings of blond hair in the house when I got back, whereas you can plainly see I am a brunette. I reproached my husband and he said I was only imagining things because I had been ill, so I forgave him."

"Then one day I sent my son down to my husband's office to get the mail and my boy brought back three letters written to my husband by some one who called herself 'Martha.' In one of the letters, this woman wrote that she was 'lonesome for Sam.'"

## Hope to Be With 'Martha.'

Mrs. Bacon said that later she found a letter from her husband to 'Martha' in which he wrote that, while his wife was much better, he hoped some day to be with 'Martha.' The witness said she then found her husband making love to a woman who lived in the next block when in order to be forgiven for this, he joined the church and became a deacon. Then, she said, Bacon began to abuse her and she wouldn't play the church organ any longer if such a man as her husband was to remain a deacon. For this her husband blackened her eyes, she said. Mrs. Bacon added that the pastor of the church sympathized with her husband and said to her: "Let the bird fly; get a good house-keeper."

Mrs. Bacon said her husband then compelled her and her children to leave his house and live with his aunt in New Jersey, promising to pay \$60 a month for their board. He failed to keep the agreement and Mrs. Bacon told the court she wanted part of his income of \$300 a month.

The evidence against Mrs. Bacon, which she wants to disprove before she goes to the hospital, will be offered to-day.

## TOO MUCH TEMPERAMENT.

Policeman Says Artist Wife Called Him a "Beer Drinker."

The differences of a policeman and his artist wife were explained yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Aspinall in Brooklyn in a case brought by the wife, Harriet Sherman Stepf, a magazine illustrator, against Herman Stepf, a patrolman attached to the Adams street precinct. A motion for alimony pending trial of the suit was denied, as Stepf showed that his wife earned more than he.

Mrs. Stepf, who lived at 415 Sixty-third street, accuses her husband of cruelty. He insists that it was her "high artistic temperament" that caused all the trouble, alleging that she called him "stupid, obtuse and ignorant" because he refused to regulate his reading and writing hours. She called him a "tobacco fiend," "beer drinker" and "beast," he said.

## TRIED SUICIDE TWENTY TIMES.

Wife Wanted \$300 for Chicken Farm, Husband Testifies.

Herman E. Atkins, in defending a separation suit brought by Edna Atkins, told Supreme Court Justice Kelly in Brooklyn yesterday that his wife had made twenty pretences of coming to see him after he refused to give her mother \$300 to invest in a chicken farm. The couple were ordered to live apart for a year, Mrs. Atkins to get \$7 a week during that time.

On one occasion Mrs. Atkins sat near an open window in her nightgown on a freezing night with the expressed intention of contracting pneumonia, her husband said.

## METHODIST CAMP HOUSES BURN.

Hotel, 48 Homes and 5 Chapels Destroyed at Sterling, Mass.

Worcester, Mass., June 18.—Forty-eight residences, one large hotel and five chapels were destroyed by fire early to-day in the Methodist camp grounds in Sterling. The flames broke through the roof of the hotel, which was estimated at \$100,000 and resulted. The flames it is believed, started in an unoccupied house.

The town hall and Methodist auditorium were badly damaged. Of the houses and cottages, twenty-two or more were the property of New Yorkers, including that of H. W. Chase.

Three large business buildings in Whitinsville near by, were destroyed at the same time, both fires being of mysterious origin.

## MAY HAVE THEIR BAIL RAISED.

Two Labor Leaders Must Plead to Indictments Charging Extortion.

Assistant District Attorney Smith will ask Judge Crain in General Sessions this morning to raise the bail in the case of Edward Nielsen and Peter O'Brien, who will plead to an indictment charging extortion.

O'Brien is vice-president of the International Composition Roofers and business agent of Local No. 4. Nielsen is walking delegate of the riggers' union. The complaint against the men is Henry Herberman, a stockholder of the Thomas McLarnon Trucking Company. According to the testimony before the Grand Jury O'Brien offered to settle some strikes trouble for \$500.

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## DAUGHTER FAILS TO UNITE GAIL BORDENS

Wife Sues for Divorce a Second  
Time, Again Alleging  
Desertion.

MOTHER WOULD KEEP GIRL

When Miss Borden Disappeared,  
Parents, Though Separated,  
Joined in Search.

Gail Borden, heir to several million dollars left by the founder of the Borden milk industries, was served here yesterday with the summons and complaint in a suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Helen M. Valk Borden in the Superior Court at Los Angeles, Cal., where Mrs. Borden lives. Mrs. Borden is suing on the ground of abandonment, and the divorce action supersedes a suit for separation brought two months ago.

Edith A. Meserve, Mrs. Borden's attorney in Los Angeles, sent the papers to the Sheriff's office, and they were turned over to Deputy Sheriff Watson. Watson served them on Borden in the office of the latter's attorney, William M. Chadbourne, at 22 Liberty street, Borden, in accepting them, said:

"Sorry I missed you yesterday. I'm glad that you haven't come to arrest me, and have nothing more serious than to answer questions asked by the trial judge. The trial of the first suit, which also was based on charges of desertion, Borden appeared unexpectedly as a witness, although making no defence. When he refused to answer questions asked by the trial judge which would have disclosed his matrimonial differences with his wife, the case was thrown out of court. An arrangement was then made out of court, by which Mrs. Borden has been receiving \$12,000 a year alimony.

In her present suit Mrs. Borden makes no demand for alimony, but she asks for the custody of her daughter, Ramona, whose disappearance from a sanitarium in New Jersey two years ago caused a search to be made which extended throughout the country. Miss Borden was found in Boston and was at once to her mother's home in California. It was reported at the time that the daughter's flight would result in the reconciliation of her parents, but while both had joined in the search for their daughter, their relations have remained unchanged.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Borden has been made the defendant in a \$30,000 damage suit brought by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary A. Valk, because of statements which it is alleged Mrs. Borden made to her brother, Frank R. Valk, concerning the latter's wife. One of the statements Mrs. Valk says Mrs. Borden made was:

"Gail could do just as she wished with her. Oh, you do not know all that has gone on between them. She was the cause of all my trouble with Gail."

Mrs. Borden's complaint in the divorce suit will be filed in California as soon as the proof by Sheriff Griffiths that the summons and complaint have been served on Borden is received there.

"I haven't a single blemish," she says at Rogues' Gallery.

Mrs. Ida Clausen began to serve her sentence of six months in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island yesterday for sending a threatening letter to Charles Strauss, president of the Board of Water Supply. In charge of two deputy sheriffs she was first taken to Police Headquarters, where her photograph and measurements were taken and added to the files of convicted criminals.

At first she was not inclined to submit to the ordeal of posing before the rogues' gallery camera, having her finger prints taken and the measurements of her feet, fingers, nose and ears made, but consented after a little coaxing. When she was asked if she had any scars or marks which she could be identified she replied: "I haven't a single blemish."

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## MRS. HOLMAN WAS INSANE, EXPERTS SAY IN DAMAGE CASE

Dr. Whitefield Thompson Answers Hypothetical Question Favorably to Defence—Dr. Waterman Declares She Is Still Mentally Impaired.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 18.—The defence in the suit which Mrs. Elizabeth A. C. Holman has brought for \$50,000 damages from her former husband, the Rev. Cranston Brenton of Yonkers, Dr. Paul Waterman and Dr. Oliver C. Smith, who received an M. A. degree from Yale yesterday, presented this afternoon a hypothetical question, the reading of which required fourteen minutes.

The question was addressed to Dr. Whitefield Thompson, a witness for the defence, formerly of Brattleboro, Vt., now superintendent of the Hartford Insane Retreat, and was introduced for the purpose of showing that the defendants were justified in sending Mrs. Holman to the Vermont asylum. After reciting a long list of alleged actions by the plaintiff and her father, an only child, brought up among refined people, and suppose that said woman was married at the age of 22 in 1901, to a minister in the Episcopal Church, who, in 1904 gave up active work in a parish to become a professor at Trinity College, in the home city of his wife; and suppose that said woman's mother lived with her and her husband during their married life, and suppose that said woman, five or six years after her marriage, entered into a secret correspondence with a man she had never seen, who lived in Rockland, Me., and that for four years she secretly received and treasured many letters from said man; and suppose that said correspondence was very frequent and many of the letters of great length—in one case as long as forty-four pages—and that said correspondence rapidly became very passionate and erotic and that said man's letters contained such passages as these:

"Oh, that dark eyed, black haired baby that some time shall run out from some group of baby angels and greet us—Bess—Bess—O Bess—who but you, wonderful one, could have offered that most perfect sex to your boy?"

"And again: 'But, I thank you, dear one, that in your heart you—you—to comfort your mate were willing to give up what's not yours—you know how safe you were—but your greater than self—O you darling, you darling, O the meaning of the sacrifice. But I will remember it, darling, I will think of it for your self-renunciation' always be with you for your comfort, that if the boy were ever tempted—he cannot be, he cannot be—to go on alone, he will not go without that hour in your arms and I think he'd take you with him."

"And suppose said woman maintained that she was not bound by the ordinary conventions; and suppose that said woman had had several previous but less serious infatuations with other men during her marriage life; and suppose that a son of her father's brother committed suicide when command was placed upon him after graduating from Annapolis; and suppose that another cousin committed suicide while taking a post graduate course in Boston; and suppose that said woman's aunt had been confined in the Hartford Retreat; and suppose that said woman herself threatened on various occasions to commit suicide and asserted that suicide was justifiable, and that on September 3, 1912, she had in her possession some deadly poison, and suppose that said woman had twice threatened to kill her own child.

"Basing your opinion on the foregoing suppositions would you say that a said woman's mind was mentally impaired on September 3, 1912?"

Dr. Waterman Took Responsibility. Dr. Paul Waterman, formerly of the psychopathic ward of Bellevue hospital, ended a grilling cross-examination by admitting the identity of a letter he wrote in October, 1912, and by practically assuming all the professional and medical responsibility for sending Mrs. Holman to the Brattleboro Insane Asylum. The letter follows in part:

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